WLL and fixed licenses

943. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the companies which have applied for WLL and fixed line licenses during the last one year;

(b) how much performance bank guarantee and entry fee have been deposited by these companies with Government, company-wise; and

(c) whether these companies are likely to offer new services to the customers and if so, the details thereof, company-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) M/s. Tata Teleservices Ltd. had applied for basic service licenses which includes WLL and fixed line during last one year for four service areas namely Kerala, Uttar Pradesh (West), Haryana and Punjab. Further the company has now applied for Unified Access Service License requesting that in case of grant of letter of intent for the same, the letter of intent issued for Basic Service license shall be surrendered.

(b) The entry fee and Performance Bank Guarantee has not been deposited so far.

(c) The company is likely to offer new services such as high data rate and prepaid card services to its customers.

Escort service

944. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to start an 'Escort Service' which would provide information on foreign countries visa rules, etc. To IT professionals working abroad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU.

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